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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/003370, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have already been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-138131 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

(2) Japanese Utility Model Registration No. 2522423 Y2, together with an English language computer-generated translation of the same; and

(3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-104327 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicant further brings to the attention of the Examiner the following document.

(4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-108415 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited beginning at page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents, including the noted English language Abstracts and translation, are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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